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Library to Screen the Documentary Film

“Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom” on Oct. 30

Event is Part of the Program “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation”

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will host the film “Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom” on Monday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 p.m. This free event will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

When Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves, he set in motion a process of emancipation that is still unfolding today. This classic film program – filled with location footage, archival photos, and excerpts from speeches, diaries, letter, and newspapers – documents Lincoln’s life while emphasizing his contributions to the struggle for racial equality. Pulitzer Prize winning historian Leon Litwack, Lincoln scholars Jean Baker, Harold Holzer and Charles Strozier, civil rights activist Eleanor Holmes Norton and former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo offer their perspectives both on Lincoln and on the issues that divided the nation during the Civil War era and a century later, the Civil Rights era.

The film screening is part of the program “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation,” which includes a major exhibit and a series of special events at the Central Library from Oct. 11 through Nov. 24. For more information, visit the Library web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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“Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation” has been organized by the Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif., and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City, in cooperation with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. This exhibition was made possible by major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, promoting excellence in the humanities, and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, created by Congress and charged with planning the national celebration of Lincoln’s 200th birthday.